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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RTG OFFICIALS SAY BORDER STRIKES BY CAMBODIAN FORCES HAVE KILLED OVER 100 THAIS/DEVESTATED VILLAGES IN RECENT MOS. FIGHTING MAY MARK ANOTHER STEP TOWARD CHAOS FOR
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CAMBODIA, BESET W/DISEASE/MALNUTRITION/BRUTALITY/ HOSTILITIES W/SRV. SOME THAIS DISAPPOINTED W NATIONS, ESP US, HAVE NOT CONDEMNED PP FOR BORDER KILLINGS. CAM-BODIA SILENT RE INCIDENTS; THEORIES RE REASONS FOR BORDER ACTIONS VARY WIDELY (AP, SUN).

KAMM (NYT) NOTES REPORTS FROM REFUGEES THAT KHMER/VIET REBELS OPERATING FROM BASES IN CAMBODIA HARASS SRV BORDER AREAS, HAVE FORCED EVACUATION 2 TOWNS. COMMENTS THAT FORMER VC AREAS NOW APPARENTLY SHELTER ANTI-COMMUNIST

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GROUPS. ADDS SRV TROOPS SAID TO HAVE MOUNTED 5/8 RAID INTO CAMBODIA, SUFFERED 80 KIA. POINTS OUT REGION IN QUESTION LONG CLAIMED BY CAMBODIA.

SRV SAYS GEN GIAP HAD VISITED MEKONG DELTA TO HAVE LOOK AT BORDER PROBLEMS W/CAMBODIA (WP).

WP'S RICH (LAT 8/6) REPORTS US SENATE SCRAPS SERIES RESTRICTIONS FROM FON AID BILL, INCL BAN ON USE FUNDS IN LOANS BY INTL DEV BANKS TO SRV/LAOS/CAMBODIA/4 OTHER COUNTRIES.

"READER'S DIGEST" EDITOR TELLS OF TORTURES UNDERGONE BY US POWS IN VN (AP, SUN).

2. ASEAN/INDOCHINA

IN KL, LAT'S MCARTHUR (8/7) REPORTS THAILAND'S THANIN UPSET OTHERWISE PLACID SUMMIT WHEN RAISED ISSUE OF FIGHTING GOING ON IN AREA, MENTIONING CAMBODIAN/SRV CLASHES/THAI BORDER PROBLEMS W/CAMBODIA. ADDS THANIN HOPED BUT FAILED GET ASEAN BACKING.

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3. INDONESIA

LIPSKY/PURA (WSJ) REVIEW TANKER DISPUTE BETW GOI/TYCOON BRUCE RAPPAPORT. SAY GOI APPARENTLY ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE SETTLEMENT 8/11. QUOTE SOURCES THAT ACCORD WOULD REDUCE GOI OBLIGATIONS ON TANKER CONTRACTS; AGREEMENT WOULD REMOVE SOURCE UNDERTAINTY THAT CLOUDS INDO'S FINANCIAL FUTURE/COMPLICATES DEALINGS W/FON BANKS.

4. MALAYSIA

CSM SPEC NOTES KL REMARKABLY EMPTY COMPARED TO YR AGO. SAYS REASON MAY BE LAGGING 3RD 5-YR PLAN; CITES LITTLE EVIDENCE FON INVESTMENT INTEREST. QUOTES SOURCES THAT INVESTMENT SHORTAGE BECOMING ACUTE/CHINESE MIDDLE CLASS NOT CHANNELING FUNDS INTO INVESTMENT MKT AS GOVT HAD HOPED.

5. SINGAPORE

ECONOMY GREW BY 8 PCT IN 1ST HALF THIS YR, ACCORDING PM LEE. ALSO SAID PERFORMANCE FAIR BUT ARE INDICATIONS ECON SLOWING. CITED INCREASED TOURISM (WP).

6. JAPAN

DEPARTING ON SEA TOUR 8/6, FUKUDA SAID HE WANTS SOMETHING

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MORE THAN "EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND MONEY" THAT HAS DOMINATED JAPAN-SEA RELS IN PAST. JAPANESE AID PROMISED TO ALL 6 COUNTRIES PM VISITS EXPECTED TOTAL OVER 1 BIL DOLS (JAMESON, LAT 8/6 TOKYO).

JAPANESE AUTO INDUSTRY SOURCES EXPECT TOUGH STANCE FROM UK WHEN 4TH ROUND JAPAN-UK AUTO SUMMIT CONF OPENS TOKYO 9/6. JAPANESE MFRS EXPECT UK REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY EXPORT CURBS, BUT BELIEVE SUCH REQUEST WOULD NOT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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REASONABLE (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

BANKRUPTCIES IN JAPAN LAST MONTH HIT RECORD HIGH FOR JULY, BOTH IN NUMBER/AMOUNT OF LIABILITIES (UPI, JOC).

STUDENT RADICALS, ARMED W/HOMEMADE FIRE BOMBS, ATTACKED POLICE AT TOKYO'S NEW INTL AIRPORT IN ATTEMPT HALT 1ST DAY NOISE TESTS BY BOEING 747. TWO OF 3200 RIOT POLICE INJURED (UPI, NYT).

IN HOKKAIDO, LONG DORMANT MT USU VOLCANO ERUPTED 8/8, DUMPING OVER 1 FT ASH ON CROPS. AUTHORITIES EVACUATED 20,000 TOURISTS/7,000 VILLAGERS FROM AREA (WSTAR 8/8).

NAGATAKA MURAYAMA, AN OWNER/FORMER PRES ASAHI SHIMBUN, DIED 8/7 IN OSAKA AT AGE 83 (MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO).

7. KOREA

AT CHICAGO NEWS CONF 8/8, ATTY GEN BELL SAID DOJ DOCUMENT LISTING US CONGRESSMEN ALLEGED TO HAVE RECEIVED DONATIONS FROM ROKG HAS BEEN GIVEN SENATE/HOUSE ETHICS CMTES. ALSO SAID ADMIN SEEKING ROKG HELP IN PERSUADING TONGSUN PARK TESTIFY ON MATTER (REUTER CHICAGO 8/8). AFTER REVIEWING DOJ DOCUMENTS, SEN ETHICS CMTE CHRMN STEVENSON (ALSO AT CHICAGO NEWS CONF 8/8) SAID HE COULD NO LONGER ASSERT THAT NO SENATOR INVOLVED IN SKOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. SEN REFUSED COMMENT WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF DOCUMENTS CONTAIN ANY SENATORS' NAMES (AUERBACK/REID, WP). ADDED SENATE CMTE MAY SOON APPOINT OWN SPECIAL COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE MATTER (SUN).

"KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES" SAY KWANG JA SHIN, FORMER TONGSUN UNCLASSIFIED

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PARK EMPLOYEE, HAS TOLD HOUSE ETHICS CMTE PARK INSTRUCTED HER ARRANGE FREE GIFTS/CLOTHING/DINNERS/ENTERTAINMENT FOR US CONGRESSMEN VISITING SEOUL. ALSO SAID PARK DIRECTED HER COORDINATE EFFORTS W/PRES PARK'S OFFICE (JACKSON,

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LAT 8/6).

REPS DOWNEY (D-NY)/CARR (D-MICH) SAID 8/8 SK SHOULD BE ABLE DEFEND ITSELF IF US GROUND TROOPS W/DRAWN. REPS BASED OPINION ON PREVIOUSLY-SECRET DOD ESTIMATES SHOWING US HAS GIVEN SK OVER TWICE AS MUCH AID IN PAST 4 YRS AS PRC/USSR COMBINED HAVE GIVEN NK (LOGAN, WP; AP).

NK SAID 8/8 IT ESTABLISHED OFFSHORE MIL DEFENSE ZONE LAST WK BECAUSE US/SK ARE SENDING "SPIES AND SABOTEURS INTO OUR SIDE" (UPI, UP).

8. CHINA

WOODCOCK MET TUES W/LI HSIEN-NIEN, LATEST IN SERIES COURTESY CALLS (REUTER PEKING).

IN HK, CORDDRY (SUN) LISTS OFT-CITED THEORIES ON MEANING OF TENG'S REHABILITATION. CONCLUDES PRC WILL PROBABLY SEEK SOME ACCOMMODATION W/FON COUNTRIES TO EXPEDITE ECON/MIL DEVELOPMENT.

CSM (8/9) FEATURES 16-PG SPECIAL ON TAIWAN FOCUSING ON ECONOMY AND TO LESSER EXTENT POLITICAL SITUATION VIS-A-VIS US/PRC. MOST ARTICLES ON INDUSTRY--NUCLEAR ENERGY, TEXTILES, ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, AGRIC EXPORTS, TOURISM--THREADED W/TWIN THEMES OF US ROLE IN ROC'S ECONOMIC BOOM; HOW COUNTRY OFFERS GOOD INVESTMENT PROSPECTS FOR FOREIGN-ERS, ESP AMERICANS. FIVE FULL-PG ADS/SEVERAL SMALL ONES UNCLASSIFIED

FOCUS ON HEAVY INDUSTRY; ROC BANKING/INVESTMENT FIRMS; 1 ITEM ON TOKYO/ROC ECON CONNECTION. SECTION ENDS W/INTERVIEWS 2 WORKERS EXTROLLING REWARDS HARD WORK/CAPITALISM. NEIL MARTIN ARTICLE IN CSM'S FINANCIAL SECTION DETAILS ROC TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO MIDEAST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

NEW ROC CONSUL GENERAL BOSTON, PAUL J K TSO, REPORTS COUNTRY TO IMPLEMENT ECON DEVL PLAN THAT WILL BY 1981 RAISE PER CAPITA INCOME FROM PRESENT US 500 DOLS TO US 1,300 DOLS (GLOBE 8/5).

SEA-LAND SERVICE, UNITED STATES LINES TO CONTINUE CONTAINER OPERATIONS TO/FROM ROC DESPITE RECENT TYPHOONS (JOC).

"PD" WARNS WEUROPE OF SOVIET MIL THREAT. REPORTS USSR EXPANDING MIL STRENGTH IN MEDITERRANEAN; W/CONCURRENT BUILD-UP IN NORTH, THUS CAPABLE SMASHING WEUROPE IN PINCER DRIVE (REUTER PEKING, 8/8).

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HK/US SIGN 5-YR TEXTILE AGMT, EFFECTIVE 1/1/78. WILL CUT HK EXPORTS TO US TO 1.5 PCT FROM PRESENT 6.25 PCT (REUTER HK).

9. AUSTRALIA

IN 8/8 CHICAGO ADDRESS TO ABA ANNUAL CONVENTION, ATTY GEN BELL CRITICIZED AUSTRALIA/CANADA/UK/OTHER US ALLIES FOR PASSING LAWS TO PREVENT PEOPLE COOPERATING IN US ANTI-TRUST INVESTIGATIONS. BELL FOUND SUCH "BLOCKING"
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LAWS INCONSISTENT WITH COMITY BETW NATIONS, WARNED THEY COULD HARM THOSE WHO INVOKE SUCH PROHIBITIONS (REUTER 8/8).

10. PHILIPPINES

UPI'S KAYLOR, TOURING US DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN EA, REPORTS FROM MANILA THAT SENIOR US OFFICERS, RESPONDING TO ADMIN REASSESSMENT OF MIL FORCES AROUND WORLD, ARE NOW MAKING CASE FOR CONTINUED US PRESENCE IN PHILS AS NECESSARY BRIDGE INTO INDIAN OCEAN AND BEYOND TO ME/ AFRICA. NOTES EA'S HOLBROOKE VISITED BASES IN PHILS IN RECENT MONTHS, REPORTEDLY DEPARTED CONVINCED OF THEIR CONTINUING USEFUL ROLE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS
11. KOREA/JAPAN
CHI S-T (8/6) CITES DIFFERENCES BETW SK-JAPAN TO SHOW FEARS OF US COP-OUT IN LATTER UNFOUNDED. CITES US-JAPAN "POLITICAL KINSHIP"/JAPAN'S ABSOLUTE NEED US PROTECTION/US-JAPAN ECON TIES--NONE OF WHICH PRESENT IN US-SK RELS. BELIEVES CONTINUING MIL/ECON NEEDS SHOULD CEMENT US-JAPAN RELS.

12. THAILAND

NEWSWEEK'S JENSEN (PHINQ) LOOKS OVER THAILAND, FINDS CONTINUES LIVE UP TO TOURIST-BROCHURE IMAGE BUT IS NEAR EDGE CHAOS. NOTES TOURISTS/HEALTHY ECONOMY, ALSO CONSTANT THREAT SOCIAL/ECON DISINTEGRATION THO PM THANIN MANAGES HOLD THINGS TOGETHER. DISCUSSES FACTIONS IN ARMED FORCES THAT CONSTANTLY INTRIGUE.

13. ASEAN/JAPAN

MCARTHUR (LAT LK 8/6) LOOKS OVER SUMMIT, HEARS OPTIMISTIC
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PHRASES BUT SEES FEW CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THO
ADMITS UNITY SLOWLY TAKING HOLD AS SLOW PROGRESS MADE ON
ECON PROJECTS.

CSM NOTES ASEAN WOOS JAPAN, THAT TALKS BIG MONEY FOR
AID/INVESTMENT. SAYS IF ALL GOES WELL EACH MEMBER STATE
CAN LOOK FWD TO JAPANESE FINANCING USEFUL MAJOR PROJECT.
ADDS AUSTRALIA/NZ ALSO MADE HI-LEVEL CONTACT W/ASEAN,
WHILE US DELEGATION WILL HAVE TALKS NEXT MO. CONCLUDES
WILLINGNESS MAJOR WORLD POWER LIKE JAPAN BECOME DEEPLY
INVOLVED IS PROGRESSIVE STEP FOR BOTH SIDES.

14. CHINA

IN HK, MIKE CHINOY (CBS/TV 7/31) DESCRIBED PLA, AS
PICTURED ON CHINESE TV. NOTED IT LACKS SOPHISTICATED
TANKS/MISSILES/AIR CRAFT, AND THAT COUNTRY'S NUKE
CAPABILITY IS LIMITED BY VIRTUALLY OBSOLETE DELIVERY
SYSTEM. SAID PEKING IS LOOKING TO BUY WESTERN MIL
TECHNOLOGY, HINTING WOULD LIKE PURCHASE FROM US, ON GROUND
US/PRC SHARE COMMON ENEMY IN SOVIET. CONTENDED HOW
RESPOND TO SUCH CHINESE REQUESTS POSES TRICKY PROBLEM FOR
US--ONE THAT VANCE MAY WELL NEED FACE DURING UPCOMING
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